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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Pastor Milton Bost, Pasfield Southern Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Bost.

PASTOR MILTON BOST:

(Prayer by Pastor Milton Bost)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, November 30th; Wednesday, December 1st; and Thursday, December 2nd, 1999.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Like the record to reflect that Senator Molaro is absent today, due to the flu, has some illness.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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The record will so indicate. Communications.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the Secretary of State, dated January 4th, 2000, to the Secretary of the Senate.

Dear Mr. Harry - This office is forwarding herewith a copy of the Notice of Vacancy from the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 9th Legislative District declaring the existence of a vacancy in the Office of Senator in the 91st General Assembly

in the 9th Legislative District, as a result of the resignation of Arthur L. Berman on January 2nd, 2000. Also enclosed are copies of the Appointment by the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 9th Legislative District of Carol Ronen, 6033 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, to the Office of Senator from the 9th Legislative District, along with the Oath of Office.

Very -- truly yours, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

Message from the Minority Leader. Pardon me, that's a Message from Senator Lisa Madigan.

Please be advised that I hereby resign my position on the Senate Standing Committee on Local Government. This resignation is effective immediately.

Date January 4th, 2000, and signed by Lisa Madigan, State Senator.

Message from the Minority Leader, January 7th, 2000.

Please be advised that I have appointed Senator Lisa Madigan to the Standing Committee on Education to serve as the Minority Spokesperson. This appointment is effective immediately. Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate Minority Leader.

A Message from the Comptroller, dated January 12th, 2000.

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 91st General Assembly - I have nominated the following named person to the Merit Commission of the Office of the Comptroller for a term of six years, expiring the third Monday in January, 2006. I respectfully ask concurrence in the confirmation of this

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appointment by your Honorable Body.

Signed by Daniel W. Hynes, Comptroller.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Myers, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MYERS:

Madam President...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Madam President, a point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point.

SENATOR MYERS:

In the gallery to my right are two gentlemen from my district, Mr. Weller, Mr. Thompson, who are part of the Coon Hunters Association. I'd like to introduce them to the Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Will the gentlemen rise so we can welcome you? Welcome to the Senate. Happy New Year to everyone. Now, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following

title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 2869.

Passed the House, December 2nd, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I have an announcement, Madam President, but I can't hear

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myself.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio, with his announcement. Could we have it quiet, please?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, today is a very special occasion, a historic day. Obviously Senator Berman made four farewell speeches. I guess Fawell did, too. Fact of the matter is, however, he has left. His successor is here with us today. It was just read into the record. Let the Senate recognize that we have a new Member of the Illinois Senate, Senator Carol Ronen, from Chicago.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome, Senator Ronen. Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you. I just want to thank Senator Demuzio and all my colleagues. I look forward -- I look forward to working with everybody on both sides of the aisle. I've been in the House for seven years, but I understand the Senate is a -- a different place. This is where all the real decisions are made, and I look forward to being part of that today and in the future. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome. WAND -- requests the right to film. Is there any opposition? Hearing none, leave is granted. Introduction of Bills. But before you start, Madam Secretary -- go ahead, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1292, offered by Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1293, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1294, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1295, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1296, offered by Senator Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1297, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1298, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1299, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1300, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me, 1301, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Geo-Karis offers Senate Bill 1302.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1303, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1304, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1305, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1306, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator O'Malley offers -- Senate Bill 1307.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1308, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1309, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1310, offered by Senator Watson.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Mitchell offers Senate Bill 1311.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1312, offered by Senators Radogno, O'Malley and Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Donahue offers Senate Bill 1313.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1314, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1315, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1316, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1317, offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1318, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Silverstein offers Senate Bill 1319.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1320, also offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1321, offered by Senators Dillard and Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1322, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1323, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1324, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1325, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senator Peterson also offers Senate Bill 1326.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1327, by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 1328, offered by Senator

Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 233, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 234, offered by Senator Robert Madigan and all Members.

Senate Resolution 235, offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

Senate Resolution 236, 237, both offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 238 and 239, offered by Senator Dillard and all Members.

Senate Resolution 240, offered by Senators -- Senator Lightford and all Members.

Senate Resolution 241, offered by Senator Hawkinson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 242 and 243, both offered by Senator O'Malley and all Members.

Senate Resolution 244 and 245, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 246 and 247, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 248, offered by Senator Noland and all

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Members.

Senate Resolution 249, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all
Members.

Senate Resolution 250, offered by Senator Lauzen and all
Members.

Senate Resolution 251, offered by Senator Dillard and all
Members.

Senate Resolution 252, offered by Senator Link and all
Members.

Senate Resolution 253, offered by Senator Dillard and all
Members.

And Senate Resolutions 254 and 255, offered by Senator Emil
Jones and all Members.

And Senate Resolutions 256 and 257, offered by Senator
Geo-Karis, Peterson, Senator Tom Walsh and all Members.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Joint Resolution -- I mean, 48, offered by Senator
O'Malley.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Could we have it a little more quiet? I'm sure you have much to say to each other, but could you do it in a more quiet tone? It is very difficult on the Secretary when -- when they have to do their job. Madam Secretary. House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 428, offered by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 739, offered by Senator Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senator Philip also offers House Bill 861.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill -- pardon me, House Bill 1003, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1005, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Philip offers House Bill 1407.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2109, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2181, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2863 {sic} (2869), offered by Senators Robert Madigan, Molaro, O'Malley and Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of those House bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation - House Bill 1967; to the Committee on Education - Senate Bill 1282; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Senate Bills 1300 and 1288; to the Committee on Executive - House Bill 2346, 2855, 739, 861, 1407, 2109 and Senate Bills 1283, 1281, 1309, 1321, and Senate Joint Resolution 42 and Senate Resolution 203; to the Committee on Financial Institutions - Senate Bill 1275; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - Senate Bill 1248; to the Committee on Local Government - Senate Bills 1302, 1294 and 1293; to the Committee on State Government Operations - Senate Bills 1284 and 1297; and to

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the Committee on Transportation - Senate Bills 1156, 1315, 1298, 1252 and 1261.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Bowles moves that the Senate stand adjourned until 9 a.m., Thursday, January 13, 2000. We stand adjourned.

